

Kendallwood Kommments

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Independence Day, Saturday, is going to be colorful in Kendallwood I.

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and other Founding Fathers had anticipated that American independence would be celebrated across the continent one day from coast to coast and not just along the Atlantic seaboard.

For the past generation or so, the celebration has waned a bit. The Fourth of July isn't what it used to be, but it will be this year in Kendallwood I.

It'll be done without firecrackers too. One of those "safe and sane" Fourth's they used to talk about. The marches of John Philip Sousa will provide the sound.

YOUNGSTERS in Kendallwood I are planning costumes and/or decorations for bikes and wagons and some parental help is in evidence on this. There are likely to be floats too and prizes will be awarded. Assembly time for the Fourth of July parade is 9-10 a.m. at the Pump House. Parents of younger children are asked to come along with them for purposes of supervision.

All parents are welcome and invited to bring cameras. There will be pop for the paraders up at the Wooddale School flagpole.

Unless only a very few youngsters are to win a prize, more contributions will have to come in, and this time is short. Also, a few more helping hands are needed. Saturday is the day, so please contact Bob Nelson by Friday night at GR. 4-7733 or GR. 4-7308.

By press time the following additional people had offered to take various assignments: Grace Nye, Joe Rosman, Bill Bailey, Ken O'Keefe, Niley Bailey, Bill Kelly, Hazel Johannes and Lyle Johannes.

Pat Beuerle will provide balloons for all the youngsters and Roy Rysstrand will furnish toy model cars for prizes. Niley Bailey and Ken O'Keefe donated five dollars each for prizes and Virginia Baker three dollars.

Donations for prizes were also received from Lee Bomb, Paul Bobenage, Bill Kelly, Kathy Ziska, Mina Rodermier, Rosemary Downey, Mary Hay, Bernice Christy, and Carol McMann. All these are contributions in addition to those announced in last week's Enterprise.

To Prosecute Depredators Of Mail Boxes

With the approach of the Fourth of July holiday season a warning is in order to those who are tempted to blow up rural mail boxes with firecrackers, cherry bombs, etc. Any destruction upon a rural mail box, or any mail receptacle, including theft of the box, is a Federal law violation as well as a state or local law violation. A fine of up to \$1000 and/or a prison sentence of up to three years is stipulated by Sec. 1705 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

The Oakland County Sheriff, the State Police, and the various local law enforcement officers, as well as the local postal inspector in Pontiac, have already been flooded with a rash of complaints of rural mail box damage by explosives, or by just plain malicious vandalism.

All local law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with the postal inspector, will be particularly alert during the holiday period and will patrol troubled areas to the extent of manpower and equipment available. Any depredator apprehended will be prosecuted, regardless of their age, in either Federal or local court.

Citizens, who are really the victims of these depredations, can help much in identifying and apprehending the perpetrators by reporting the description and, if possible, the license number, of any suspicious car filled with young people. Parents can also do much to prevent depredations by proper instruction and control of teenagers, who seem to be so attracted to mail boxes.

An additional word of warning, the possession of fireworks is also a violation in Michigan, as well as the possession of beer and liquor by minors.

For a safer and more pleasant vacation trip this summer, the Automobile Club of Michigan suggests that you have your car in good mechanical condition. Among other things, make sure that all of your lights are working properly (directional signals, headlights (both low and high beam), tail lights (both stop lights and license plate light).

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